

# **TELECOMMUNICATIONS DISCOUNT**

## **BENEFIT TO THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM INSTITUTIONS**

TTVN is the wide area data and interactive communications network that serves the thirteen campuses, the Health Science Center, and seven research and service agencies of the Texas A&M University System. The network also serves numerous affiliated colleges and universities, K-12 school districts, and state agencies throughout Texas. There are over 120 locations connected to the Texas A&M University System TTVN wide-area data and video network. Many of these locations are in rural areas where broadband services are in most cases available from only one service provider.

### **Annual Telecommunications Discount Savings**

Most Network Services are provided centrally by the Texas A&M University System TTVN network. The annual financial impact of the HB 2128/SB 773 telecommunications discount is approximately \$1.3 million. To put this savings in perspective, it is nearly 30% of the total TTVN budget for FY13. System components that benefit from these discounts include:

- Texas A&M University
- Prairie View A&M University
- Tarleton State University
- Texas A&M International University
- Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
- Texas A&M University-Kingsville
- West Texas A&M University
- Texas A&M University-Commerce
- Texas A&M University-Texarkana
- Texas A&M University-Central Texas
- Texas A&M University-San Antonio
- Texas A&M Health Science Center
- Texas A&M AgriLife Research
- Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station
- Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
- Texas A&M Forest Service
- Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service
- Texas A&M Transportation Institute
- Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory

The total bandwidth required by the Texas A&M University System is doubling every 24 months, and the loss of affordable high bandwidth communications would impair the ability of A&M System institutions to fulfill their many and varied missions.